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PROGRAM AMENDMENTS STIP Amendment 00S-052

Action Item

CTC Meeting: October 3-4, 2001

Agenda Item: 2.1a.(2)

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STIP AMENDMENT 00S-052 ACTION

PROPOSED

SUMMARY

This amendment adds \$277,000 from Sierra County's Unprogrammed Share Balance in FY 2001-02 to two existing projects: \$212,000 for construction of an interpretive center in Downieville; and \$65,000 for design and right-of-way for a visitor center in Sierra City.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sierra County Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment. The Department has reviewed the amendment and found it to be consistent with the Commission adopted STIP guidelines, assuming previous programming is considered constructive notice.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) revise the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as follows:

Adds:

Project Information									
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor	
Sierra	03	1L54		LA	2001-02				
Project Title:	Downieville Interpretive Center								
Sponsor:	Sierra County								
Implementing Agency:	Sierra County								
RTPA/CTC:	Sierra County Transportation Commission								
Location:	Downieville – east of Nevada Street on east side of Route 49 alongside Downie River								
Description:	Interpretive center and rest stop								

STIP Programming - RIP		(Dollars in Thousands)				
Component	PRIOR	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	Total
PA&ED						
PS&E		\$38				\$38
R/W						
CON			\$212			\$212
TOTAL		\$38	\$212			\$38
						\$250

Adds:

Project Information									
County:	CT District:	PPNO:	EA:	Element:	Const Year:	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor	
Sierra	03	1L59		LA	2001-02				
Project Title:	Sierra City Visitor Center								
Sponsor:	Sierra County								
Implementing Agency:	Sierra County								
RTPA/CTC:	Sierra County Transportation Commission								
Location:	Sierra City – near Route 49 and Butte Street								
Description:	New visitor center								

STIP Programming - RIP (Dollars in Thousands)							
Component	PRIOR	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004		Total
PA&ED		\$32					\$32
PS&E			\$20				\$20
R/W			\$45				\$45
CON			\$153				\$153
TOTAL		\$32	\$153				\$185
			\$218				\$250

BACKGROUND

This amendment adds \$277,000 from Sierra County's Unprogrammed Share Balance in FY 2001-02 to two existing projects: \$212,000 for construction of an interpretive center in Downieville; and \$65,000 for design and right-of-way for a visitor center in Sierra City. These components were originally programmed in the 2000 STIP, but lapsed in June 2001. No extension was requested and the funds lapsed because they had not been allocated in the year originally programmed due to a misinterpretation of the application of Assembly Bill 872 in conjunction with the STIP Guidelines.

The Downieville interpretive center and rest stop consists of an informational kiosk, public restrooms and lockers, a paved parking area, picnic tables, and landscaping. The Department has signed a long-term lease with Sierra County to build the project on Caltrans right of way on the east side of Route 49 in Downieville, currently used as an informal gravel parking area with picnic tables. Sierra County intends to build the project in Fall 2001. Sierra County has a need for traveler information and rest stop services for those who come to the county for hunting, fishing, hiking, bicycling, rafting and canoeing, since local businesses in Downieville and other small communities in Sierra County are open only during limited hours.

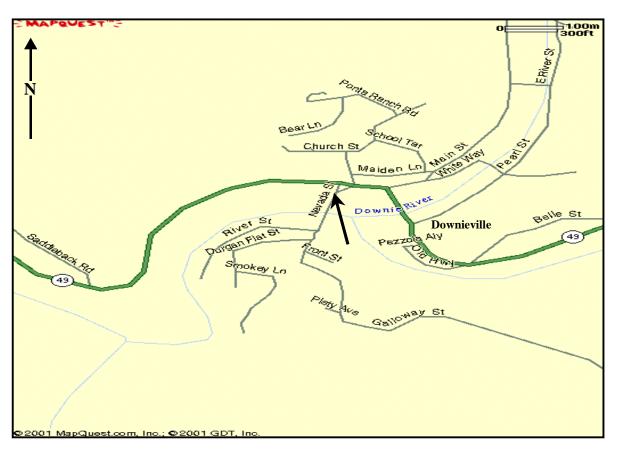
The visitor center project is in Sierra City adjacent to Route 49. This project will provide a traveler's information board, public restrooms, paved parking, sidewalks/paths, picnic tables and landscaping. The property for this project will be acquired in Fall 2001 with construction in Summer 2002.

Commission and Department staff believe that constructive Notice was provided when both projects were originally programmed in the STIP.

ATTACHMENT

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Location: In Downieville east of Nevada Street on east side

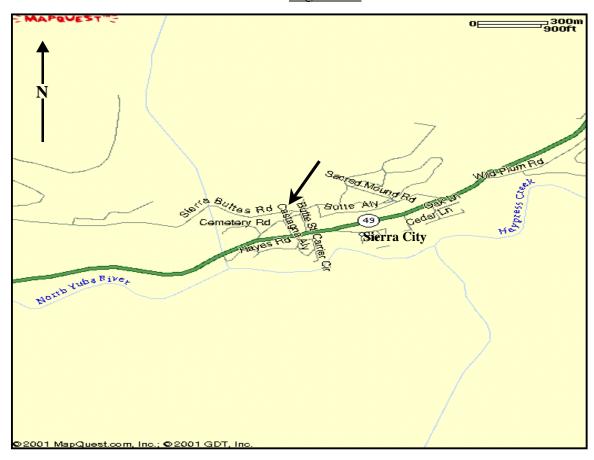
of Route 49 alongside Downie River

Description: Interpretive center and rest stop



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03-Sierra PPNO 1L59

Location: In Sierra City, near Route 49 and Butte Street

Description: New visitor center

